

Resolutions / Legislation Sponsored by Supervisor Mayo

Economic Development

Requesting a report regarding professional service contracts with an emphasis on sole source contracts and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation.

Approving the development of 4 acres of the former freeway land downtown that will result in \$112 million of new construction. Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) and local hiring requirements are included and will apply to the remaining 12 acres.

Expressing Milwaukee County’s support of diverse labor forces, enduring the formation of these environments maintaining a proactive, open, equitable and systematic approach in awarding bids from all aspects of the contracting community.

Transit

Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature to allow Milwaukee County the ability to raise the county sales tax by up to an additional .5% and to grant Milwaukee County to establish a segregated transit fund that allows for continuing appropriations of funds for the purpose of funding transit operations. Sales tax would be used to offset the portion of property tax currently allocated for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCST).

Community Development

Approving a \$50,000 grant to the Private Industry Council for a county-wide summer youth employment program for 2004.

Health and Human Services

Creation of an advisory council to promote better health and wellness among Milwaukee County employees, retirees and their families.

Strengthen the administration of Family Care Program Care Management Organization (CMO) by transferring responsibility for the CMO from the Department on Aging to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Taxes

Providing for an advisory referendum on the question of the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in a principal amount not to exceed \$261 million for the public purpose of paying unfunded prior service liability contributions under the County’s retirement system.

Veterans Services

Reconfirming Milwaukee County’s commitment to the War Memorial Corporation by authorizing and directing a negotiation of a long-term funding agreement with the War Memorial Board of Trustees for operation of and capital improvements to the War Memorial Center.

Supervisor Mayo’s Committee Memberships and Community Involvement



**Milwaukee County Standing Committees**  
Chair, Economic & Community Development  
Vice Chair, Transportation, Public Works & Transit  
Member, Finance & Audit

**Milwaukee County Involvement**  
Vice Chair, Research Park Board  
Vice Chair, War Memorial Board  
Board Member, Pension Study Committee  
Board Member, Veterans Board  
**Community Involvement**  
Chair, Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club Advisory Committee  
Board Member, Running Rebels  
Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.  
Member, Prince Hall True Square Lodge #11,  
Board Member, 100 Black Men (Milwaukee Chapter)

No Health Care Coverage?

You may qualify for the Milwaukee County General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP): A community based health care program

The General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) is a County and State funded program that purchases health care for qualified Milwaukee County residents. As the program has limited funds, a set of eligibility requirements has been established.

A network of providers, including 13 community-based clinics, has been established to act as the gatekeeper for all the services clients require. Services include, but are not limited to:

- Primary Care
- Pharmacist
- Specialty Care
- Diagnostics
- Lab
- Inpatient hospitalization

Unlike traditional insurance, clients do not pre-enroll for coverage. Instead, the client must be seeking services or treatment due to a medical need.

At the time of application, the person chooses the community clinic he/she would like to use for primary care. If approved, the client must use this clinic and its network for the 6-month eligibility period. At the end of each 6 months, the person must reapply at one of the sites or the clinic they belong to in order to determine continued eligibility.



**MLK Heritage**  
2555 North Martin Luther King Drive  
Monday – Friday; 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
372-8080

**South Side Health Center**  
1639 S. 23rd Street  
Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
286-6011

In addition, all hospital emergency departments in Milwaukee County may take GAMP applications for patients seen there.

What do I take with me when I apply?

- Form of Identification with photograph (Wisconsin Driver’s License, passport, school ID, Milwaukee County ID)
- Proof of Milwaukee County Residency [Wisconsin Driver’s License, current lease w/lessor, telephone number and address, current utility bill (except water bill), faxed memo from your place of residence (shelter, halfway house)]
- Proof of Income  
Check stubs, statement from your employer, award letters, etc.
- Verifiable Social Security Number
- A Cashier’s Check, Money order or personal check in the amount of \$35 made payable to **Milwaukee County GAMP**. This is a non-refundable per person administrative fee for processing your GAMP application.

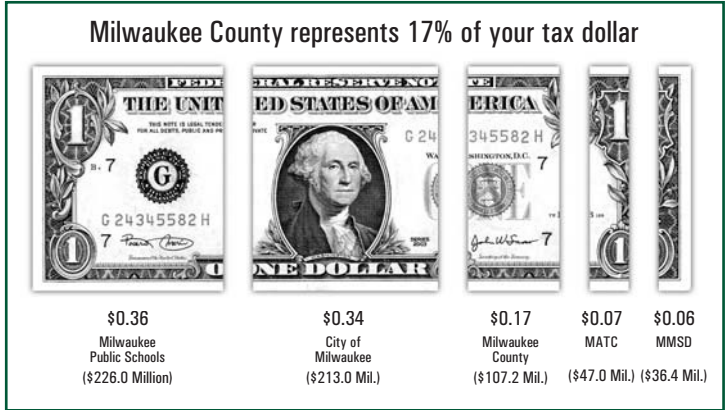
Call 257-7200 with questions or concerns.

Milwaukee County Board adopts a 2006 Budget that retains vital county services below tax levy target

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recently approved a balanced County Budget for 2006 that retains vital programs and services and keeps the tax levy in check. Despite inflationary cost increases, especially for energy and health care, the County Board constructed a budget that is well under the state-imposed tax levy limit. The County Board was also able to restore funding to the courts, lower future pension costs and reduce bus fare hikes proposed by the County Executive.

The County Board thoroughly reviewed the County Executive’s Budget and made several changes to keep services accessible and affordable. According to the Chief Judge, the proposal to cut court operations by abolishing 25% of the staff would have resulted in costly delays in processing criminal and civil cases and may have closed small claims court. The County Board restored the positions to help maintain citizen access to the justice system and expedite inmate processing to help avoid costly jail overcrowding. The County Board also rolled back a proposed 23% bus fare increase on regular riders to less than 8% to keep it affordable for people to get to work, school or shop. The County Board wants to keep the bus system one of the best in the country because it directly affects the economic vitality of our community.

The County Executive also proposed to underfund the employee pension contribution requested by the independent Pension Board by almost \$27 million. This would have resulted in a long-term cost to taxpayers of over \$69 million according to professional actuaries. Instead, the County Board chose to contribute an additional \$8.2 million to help reduce future pension costs and avoid the "effect of passing debt on to future taxpayers," as stated by the actuaries. The 2006 Budget also provides a 2% cost-of-living raise for county employees and increased the employee contribution for health insurance costs. County Supervisors will not get a raise, but will also pay substantially more for health insurance coverage in 2006.



Tax Levy Comparison

Milwaukee County & Municipal Projected 2006 Tax Levy Percentage Increases Over 2005	
MATC	.6.63%
Waukesha County	.5.1%*
City of Milwaukee	.5.0%
South Milwaukee	.4.9%
Wauwatosa	.4.7%
Oak Creek	.4.5%
Walworth County	.4.5%*
MMSD	.4.0%
Franklin	.3.95%
Whitefish Bay	.3.78%
Washington County	.3.56%*
MPS	.3.2%
Cudahy	.3.1%
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	<b>.2.97%</b>
Bayside	.2.94%
West Allis	.2.75%
Racine County	.2.67%*
Glendale	.2.4%
Hales Corners	.2.35%
Ozaukee County	.2.35%*
Shorewood	.2.3%
Kenosha County	.2.2%*
St. Francis	.2.2%
Brown Deer	.2.1%
Fox Point	.2.0%
Greendale	.2.0%
River Hills	.1.41%
Greenfield	.1.0%
West Milwaukee	.1.0%*
* indicates estimate	
Local government spending cap for Milwaukee County- 3.6%.	

In 2006, our nationally renowned parks system will be administered by a separate Parks Department, as the experimental merger two years ago with the Department of Public Works has been undone. This action was taken by the County Board to underscore how important parks are to our community and urban quality of life.

From the Department on Aging that cares for the elderly, to the popular Zoological Gardens, Milwaukee County impacts our lives in many ways each day.

The 2006 Budget contains total expenditures of \$1.25 billion and a property tax levy of \$232.5 million. The 2.9% change in the tax levy for 2006 is almost 20% less than the state-imposed tax levy limit, and much less than the 4.1% rate of inflation for the past twelve months. The property tax rate per \$1,000 of equalized value is \$4.07, which is a decrease of 47 cents per \$1,000 from 2005.